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A BLUE Christmas Night . . . More than a Picture...It IS Guns of Glory

by Kara Gage, Executive Marketing & Creative Director and Lead Instructor

Guns Of Glory in Dewey swung open the doors to their brand new facility in September with a fierceness like no other. A team of people came together to bring the heart, vision & dream of Daniel Dawson & the memory of his mother to life. Over the past couple of months, you've heard about how this all came to be and future plans as well. This month we take a different path, it's Christmas.

A logo is not just a cool picture with Guns Of Glory, it's the very foundation in which a legacy is being built. In the background are the crossed infantry rifles covered by the Crown Of Thorns. Having faith and serving our countrymen and our God is not just something we do, it's a part of who we are. This Christmas, we are getting BLUE.

Forty-nine times the Bible mentions a perfect, pure blue, a color so magnificent and transcendent that it was all but impossible to describe. The shade blue is

associated with Mary, the mother of Jesus Christ. In the medieval times, blue dye or paint was much more expensive than gold, hence, blue would only be worn by wealthy people or royal families. Mary is often depicted wearing blue to signify her importance.

Also, to recognize the especially heavy burden placed on combat infantrymen during

the Korean War, U.S. Army Chief of Staff J. Lawton Collins, decided on a blue, the infantry branch color, disk to serve as a mounting for the standard enlisted sol-



dier's cap and collar devices to be worn on the service and dress uniforms, along with a blue infantry cord to be worn on the right shoulder.

While the Crown Of Thorns signifies the death of Jesus, we at Guns Of Glory also celebrate His birth at Christmas. Without His miraculous birth, there could've been no death.

Without men like Daniel & David Romine, Executive Director of Guns Of Glory, both infantrymen, and thousands more military personnel, many who paid the ultimate sacrifice, there'd be no American freedoms. There'd be no American dream. There'd be no Guns Of Glory.

This Christmas season whether near or far, please know, all of us at Guns Of Glory are wishing you a Blue Christmas. A virgin birth, a reason for the season, a Blue "Disk" Christmas.



In closing, a poem for the infantrymen, *Blue Disk Christmas.*

Crossed rifles & a Flag goes up A flag comes down A country's solemn heads bow.

Soldiers fly high Not afraid to serve but, A bit afraid to die Blue disks & a quick jab, Sometimes that's all the time they had.

They made it work it, They wore it proud From their fathers To the fallen down.

Rifles crossed is all they see. Blood & scars they don't reveal. Some Christmas' they've missed They've earned the honor, the right, It's another Blue Disk Christmas night

A Blue Disk night. Father watches child Take the pain. He remembers himself Once again.

To a day when our towers fell And his child took over the tell. As Old Glory shines bright we will never cease to fight On A Blue Disk Christmas night.

When songs are written & Tears are wept and Some brothers are laid to rest

Tattered & worn He'll still rise From dawns early light To the Bethlehem star, It's just another Blue Disk Christmas night.

Alone & shattered, he hears "Fight FORWARD Pray UP & Kneel DOWN", my son, His father instructs & prays, For they only let kids like mine in the INFANTRY!

So for one more minute, for one more day, he tells himself, I'll live my life the infantry way!

Offering Hope to Sufferers

Dr. Parchuri's Treatments Help Back Pain Sufferers

by Deanna Evans

A local orthopedic and spinal surgeon is giving hope to back pain sufferers by using advanced diagnostics and treatments to reduce and eliminate back pain for his patients.

Dr. Kris Parchuri, a spinal surgeon with Spine & Orthopedic Specialists, has offices in Bartlesville and Tulsa. He specializes in bringing the best possible procedure and treatment to every patient by connecting with them on a personal and professional level.

"I have already recommended Dr. Parchuri to three different people," said Duane V., one of Dr. Parchuri's patients. "The experience was great. I feel like my body is a success."

At the office of Dr. Parchuri, a team of medical professionals is ready to help you get your life back today. If you are suffering from chronic or acute pain, you need the leading medical professional in Tulsa spinal surgery. He is committed, dedicated, specializes in orthopedic spine surgery and pain management, and is ready to exceed your expectations with the very best service and treatment. With more than 13 years of experience, Dr. Parchuri can put you on the road to recovery and help you reclaim your life.

Thanks to Dr. Parchuri, Bruce R., had this to say, "Now, I can give my granddaughters piggyback rides and play with them in the swimming pool. Before, the result of doing that was pain for 2-3 weeks or longer."

Dr. Parchuri is a proud graduate of Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences College of Osteopathic Medicine. He completed his orthopedic residency in Tulsa at Oklahoma State University Medical Center, followed by a spine fellowship at Texas Back Institute in Plano, Texas.

"There are many health care providers that can offer the initial evaluation and work-up," said Dr. Parchuri. "These include your primary care doctor, chiropractor, or a physical therapist. These individuals will usually offer conservative non-surgical options prior to making a referral."

Dr. Parchuri said many people are scared or anxious to visit with a spine surgeon because they believe the surgeon will want to operate.

"Unfortunately, this is a myth perpetuated by non-facts," he said. "Most surgeons will only recommend surgery when it is absolutely needed and when all other non-surgical options have failed.

"Typically, in my practice, less than 10 percent of the patients I see on a weekly basis end up needing surgery," Dr. Parchuri added.

"Technology has dramatically changed in that fusions are quickly becoming a thing of the past," Dr. Parchuri said. "My practice is one of the leaders in performing artificial disk replacements of the cervical and lumbar spine. This allows for a much faster recovery and essentially no loss of motion."

Dr. Parchuri also specializes in the diagnosis and treatment for SI joint disease and dysfunction.

If non-surgical therapy fails to provide lasting relief, Dr. Parchuri and his patients may consider surgical options. The iFuse Implant System is a minimally-invasive treatment option to treat some Si joint disorders. The titanium iFuse implants are surgically inserted to fuse the joint and eliminate pain.



Dr. Parchuri said, "About 15-30 percent of patients with chronic low back pain may have pain arising from the sacroiliac (SI) joint, yet most physicians are not trained to consider the SI joint when evaluating lower back pain. If you are experiencing lower back pain, it may be coming from your SI joint."

The sacrum attaches to the large pelvic bones known as the ilia. The joints that connect the sacrum to the ilia are call the sacroiliac (SI) joints. These joints transfer weight and forces between your upper body and legs. SI joint degeneration can be caused by degenerative disease, trauma, pregnancy/childbirth, prior lumbar fusion and other causes.

Injury to the ligaments, muscles or other soft tissues supporting the SI joint may alter the ability of the SI joint to effectively change to new positions and/or transfer load during routine physical activities.

SI joint symptoms may present as pain, or feelings of numbness, weakness or tingling in the lower back, buttock, and/or legs. Symptoms may be similar to those from other spine conditions such as a herniated disc or a compressed nerve root.

Dr. Parchuri uses iFuse-3D implants. The 3D-printed surface mimics cancellous bone. The implants demonstrate substantial bone ongrowth, ingrowth, through growth, and imploys self-harvesting technology.

Another potential treatment he uses is iFuse Bedrock, which provides "fixation, fusion, and foundation," according to Dr. Parchuri. "Data shows a 30 percent reduction in SI joint motion by adding iFuse Bedrock to sacral-alar-iliac screws.

"Please contact us if you would like to schedule an examination to evaluate your lumbar spine and sacroiliac joint," added Dr. Parchuri.

Dr. Parchuri and his team have the advanced clinical training and education to ensure that you receive the best care for your pain.

"We focus on more than just the problem," said Dr. Parchuri. "We focus on each patient as a whole and as an individual, giving you the attention you need and deserve to start moving forward in your life."

Take back what is yours — contact the office of Dr. Kris Parchuri. To schedule a consultation, call 918-286-3124 or contact them online at https://sostulsa.com/dr-kris-parchuri/.

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Christmas Gifts - Farm Style Washington County Equipment Offers Premium Tractors

by Deanna Evans

Morgan and Amanda Mitchell, of Dewey, are excited to have opened their new storefront at 816 NE Washington Blvd, in Bartlesville, after many years in the business.

WCE sells premium used tractors and equipment. They specialize in late model tractor sales, most with several years of warranty remaining.

They are also excited to bring back Scag outdoor power equipment to Bartlesville. "We love the brand and are so excited to get them back out in the community," said Amanda.

They have many Scag zero-turn lawnmowers in stock.

"We are also excited to sell and service Echo brand power equipment in the Spring," said Morgan.

WCE will also purchase your used

tractors and takes trade-ins. "Good used tractors are hard to come by in this town, and I felt this business is what Bartlesville needed,"



said Morgan, who has more than 15 years of experience with selling equipment.

In addition, the business hosts online auctions with equipment up for grabs to the highest bidder. Morgan is a certified auctioneer with more than six years of experience. To view the current list of items available on the auction block, visit www.washingtoncountyequipment.com.

Other items for sale at their business include Net wrap, a large selection of Case knives, and farm toys for the kiddos. So stop by and check out their store and grab a gift for Christmas!

Visit their store at 816 NE Washington Blvd., in Bartlesville. Hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, or by appointment.

For more information, call 918-876-

1827, visit their website at www.washingtoncountyequipment.com, or find them on Facebook.



Have Yourself a Techy Christmas Cabala Consolidated Offers Gifts, Tech Tips & More

by Deanna Evans

'Tis the season for buying a gaming computer — the perfect Christmas gift for that special someone — and Cabala Consolidated is the perfect place to find the best options in gaming.

If you are looking for the perfect gaming computer, then look no further than Cabala Consolidated, as they provide affordable technology and products built just for you. From custom gaming computer builds to hardware upgrades and computer repair, the guys at Cabala Consolidated are technology wizards focused on treating people right who need computer service for home or business.

Rated #1 in computer repair in Bartlesville, Cabala Consolidated provides various services to suit your needs, including custom computer design, networking, computer repair (including Apple computers), remote support, laptop repair, backup services, refurbishing PCs and laptops, and service calls.

"Every computer build is tailored to its user," said local businessman and Marine veteran James Brown. "From schoolwork to workstation to virtual reality gaming, we build it for you. Computers are our passion and ... we strive for customer satisfaction, and being able to provide affordable technology solutions."

They are a monthly service provider with many satisfied customers.

"We are an offsite IT that allows people to outsource so they don't have to staff 24/7," said Brown. "We offer 24/7 computer maintenance and troubleshooting for our contract clients."

In addition, Cabala Consolidated offers Tech Tips on their website, www.cabalaconsolidated.com. They are constantly adding new tips, which are short reads with valuable information. Some previous Tech Tips cover topics like Windows 11, 5 Tech Tips for Security, Buying a New Computer, Data Backup and Recovery, and much more.

Do you know which cable is connected to what device? The specialists at Cabala Consolidated do everything from tracing and labeling to physical hardware upgrades. They can expand your Wi-Fi network to securely cover more space.

When it comes to computer repair, they offer virus removal and upgrades. They also replace hard drives, speed up computers, and do other various repairs.

They can upgrade parts and resolve issues on Apple computer devices and laptops. Running out of storage? Cabala Consolidated can upgrade storage, memory and replace charging ports on most models.

Cabala Consolidated offers help via remote connection, and they can install drivers, update software, and resolve other issues.

Cabala Consolidated is located at 336 NE Spruce Ave. in Bartlesville. It is important to book an appointment through their website or by emailing info@cabalaconsolidated.com. Hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information, please call Brown at 918-550-4916.



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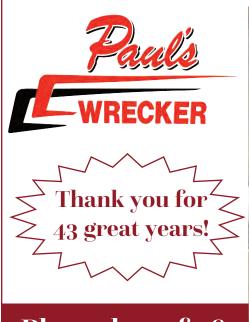
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Century of Experience Behind Teco Name

by Deanna Evans

Teco Appliance Repair and Installation is a family affair long in the making.

Owner Richard Whitchurch started out working for Gary Schwermer, the original owner of what was then called Teco Home Appliances, for 20 years. Richard's father, Dick Whitchurch, was employed there for 40 years. Richard is thankful for the knowledge his father and Gary have instilled in him through their decades of experience. "Gary and my dad are both such great help," said Richard. "I can go to them and get advice. They have so much knowledge. Between all of us, we have more than 100 years of experience."

Gary learned valuable work ethic and morals from working with his father. "You don't know your dad until you work behind him," Richard said. "My dad is my hero. I got to see him at work and learned that he is same toward people there as he is at home. He is such a great person."

Richard purchased the equipment and Gary gave him the business name six years ago. Teco Home Appliances became Teco Appliance Repair and Installation. While there is no longer a storefront, lots of new appliances can still be purchased. "We are still here and still going strong," said Richard. "We've grown the business to now needing three trucks."

Teco repairs all major brand appliances, from refrigerators to microwaves, dishwashers, ranges, cook tops, washing machines, dryers, etc. They also sell used appliances.

Richard started working on the delivery truck when he was in high school. Now Richard's three sons, Chris, Nick, and Shane, all lend a



hand, as well as his grandsons, Kale and Kaleb. Richard's cousin, Mike, who is like a brother to Richard, and Mike's son, Jake, also work hard for the business. One other family member, Cliff Taylor, who is Richard's daughter-in-law's father, is also part of the Teco team.

"My family all work with me, not for me. It's a family affair," said Richard. "We are going for a fourth-generation business. We are in it for the long haul."

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Small Wins Toward Nutrition Goals

(BPT) — Face it, the past year has been tough. It's been all too easy to lose track of your wellness goals, especially regarding nutrition. The good news is, you can get back on track by working toward "small wins" — simple steps that improve your nutrition and celebrate each one to inspire further improvements. In a recent online survey, 80% said that their perception of health and wellness has changed over the past year. The survey, conducted by Pollfish for Simply Good Foods, also found that 59% were trying to eat a better diet.

"Nutrition is key to achieving overall wellness," said Colette Heimowitz, MS, *New York Times* bestselling author and vice president of Nutrition Communication and Education at Atkins. "Making small changes today can reap big gains down the road, improving your well-being for years to come."

What small wins can help improve your nutrition?

You're more likely to stick with changes if they're not too hard to achieve. Aim for simple ways to increase protein and healthy fats while reducing carbs and sugar. Here are some ideas to get you started.

- Make easy recipe swaps, like swapping out mashed potatoes for whipped cauliflower. Steam or boil cauliflower florets 10-15 minutes (check with fork for softness), then let sit in a colander or strainer for a while to drain excess water. Mash or use food processor to blend cauliflower with your choice of butter, sauteed garlic, or other seasonings.
- 2. Enjoy sweet treats with less sugar and more protein, like the new Atkins Chocolate Creme Protein Wafer Crisp Bar. They're light and crispy wafers with a chocolatey créme filling and delicious chocolatey coating with 10 grams of protein, six grams of fiber, and only one gram of sugar, making them perfect for an afternoon pick-me-up. Or boost your energy with an Atkins Chocolate Almond Butter Protein Bar, made with a soft dough layer topped with real almond butter, almond crunch, and a delicious chocolatey coating. With a whopping 16 grams of protein, each bar can satisfy your hunger on the go, without tons of sugar.

- 3. Increase your vitamin intake by using seasonal produce and nutrient-rich proteins to boost the vitamin content of your dishes. Grate veggies like carrots into ground meat dishes and casseroles for extra vitamin A, C, and B6, plus other nutrients. Vitamin D is also harder to get enough of during colder months, when you spend less time in the sunshine. Foods rich in vitamin D include tuna and salmon, cheese, and egg yolks.
- 4. Find recipes that support your nutrition goals. Here's one below for a great option for a veggie-ful, zesty soup to warm you up on cold days, from Atkins.com/Recipes.

Roasted Red Pepper Soup

Total Time: 25 Minutes

Ingredients:

- 1 small onion
- 12 ounces roasted bell peppers
- 2 medium stalks celery
- 2 cloves garlic
- 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese (grated)
- 2 (14.5-ounce) cans chicken broth, bouillon or consommé
- 7 fluid ounces water
- 2/3 cup heavy cream
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil

Directions:

Heat oil in medium saucepan over medium heat.

Dice celery and white onion. Mince garlic and add all three to pan, cook and stir occasionally about 8 minutes or until softened. Add diced roasted peppers, water and broth. Bring to boil; lower heat and simmer 5 minutes.

Puree soup in batches in blender or food processor until smooth. Return soup to saucepan; stir in cream. Heat gently.

Add salt and pepper to taste. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese before serving. Optional: Serve with drizzle of sour cream. Makes 6 servings.

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Walk in the Light During Christmas

by Curt Landry

Can we agree that in this season, darkness is all around us? It's not only physical, as the daylight hours shorten, and the darkness takes up more space in time. But it is also creeping into our minds, families, communities, and culture.

The question becomes, how do we walk in the Light, especially during this busy Christmas season, as we honor the Light of the World?

John 8:12 says, "Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, 'I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.""

Yeshua HaMashiach means Jesus the Messiah in Hebrew. He came as the Anointed One, the promised King written about in the Old Testament.

Yeshua was the Word made flesh, born to be the Light of the World.

John 1:1-9, 14 says this:

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. **And the light shines in the darkness**, and the darkness did not comprehend it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. **That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world**... And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth." (emphasis added)

He was there from the beginning. All things were made through and by Him. God does not change. Malachi 3:6 says, "For I am the Lord, I do not change; therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob."

The apostle Paul reiterated this truth to New Testament believers in the book of Hebrews. *"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever."* — Hebrews 13:8

Paul wanted them to see the connection between the Old and the New. Without the Old, the New wouldn't be able to comprehend the Light!

The point is this: We can have confidence in the Light, even in a season of darkness. He was there from the beginning and understands what we are going through.

So then, how do we walk in the Light during this season.

Walk in the Light

1. Pause and Repent

There is a benefit of living a repentant lifestyle. It opens doors to the presence of God. This is not to say that we need to repent for salvation over and over again, but rather to challenge the mind to think in alignment with God's Word. This is why Paul warned against conforming to the world, which will only yoke you. He said to be transformed by renewing your mind, which is repenting or changing your thoughts to match God's.

This truth lights up our minds!

2. Pause and Remember

You've heard it said, "Remember the reason for the season." How do we do that? Remember the purpose of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. John 3:17 says that Jesus came to save the world. John 10:10 reminds us that Jesus offers more than just salvation in eternity: "...I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."

This truth lights up our hearts!

3. Pause and Reflect

This is also a good time to reflect on the past year. What did the Lord teach you this year? What trials did He bring you through? The

enemy wants only to bring up the pain from the past. Allow the Holy Spirit to bring the victories to the surface. You are more than a conqueror through Christ.

This truth lights up our purpose!

It's easy to get distracted and overwhelmed during this season. Try starting your day, and ending it, with these three points. Someone will notice the Light in you!

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